

Emergency Rule Review – ERR21-036
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NOTE: Under W.S. 16-3-103(b), temporary emergency rules are valid for not more than 120 days after the date of filing.

SUBJECT: Chapter 41 - Virtual Education

NATURE OF RULES: Legislative, procedural

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: W.S. 21-2-202(a)(xxxi) and 21-13-330

SUMMARY OF RULES: These emergency rules revise the provisions governing the operation of K-12 virtual education programs across Wyoming. The revised Chapter 41 rules include modifications to address concerns cited by the Department for school year 2021-22 and eliminate any reference to the Distance Education Grant. The emergency rules:

- Remove the requirement for district submission of a syllabus for each virtual education course aligned to content standards to better meet the requirements of W.S. 21-2-202(a)(xxxi)(A) in approving a network of courses.
- Require a curriculum assurance to be signed by districts offering full-time virtual education programs to better meet the requirements of W.S. 21-2-202(a)(xxxi)(A) in approving a network of courses aligned to Wyoming content standards.
- Include school assignment requirements for students enrolled in full-time virtual education programs to maintain funding and accountability stability in districts that have a statewide program as well as districts serving resident students only.
- Include language to ensure districts understand the requirement of meeting the needs of students with disabilities enrolled in virtual education programs.
- Allow agreements between districts for student enrollment in full-time virtual education programs.

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